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Clinton seeks to help parents

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a \$20 billion plan to help working parents find child care, President Clinton is unveiling increased subsidies and incentives for businesses to pitch in.

The proposals being unveiled at the White House Wednesday was a plan that 25 percent tax credit for businesses that establish and run child care facilities for workers, or reserve space in existing centers, congressional White House sources said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The president also was to propose a new source called "dramatic" cuts in "loopholes" of both the income tax and the child care tax credit that parents can take for child care expenses and federal contributions to state child care subsidies for low-income parents and welfare recipients entering jobs.

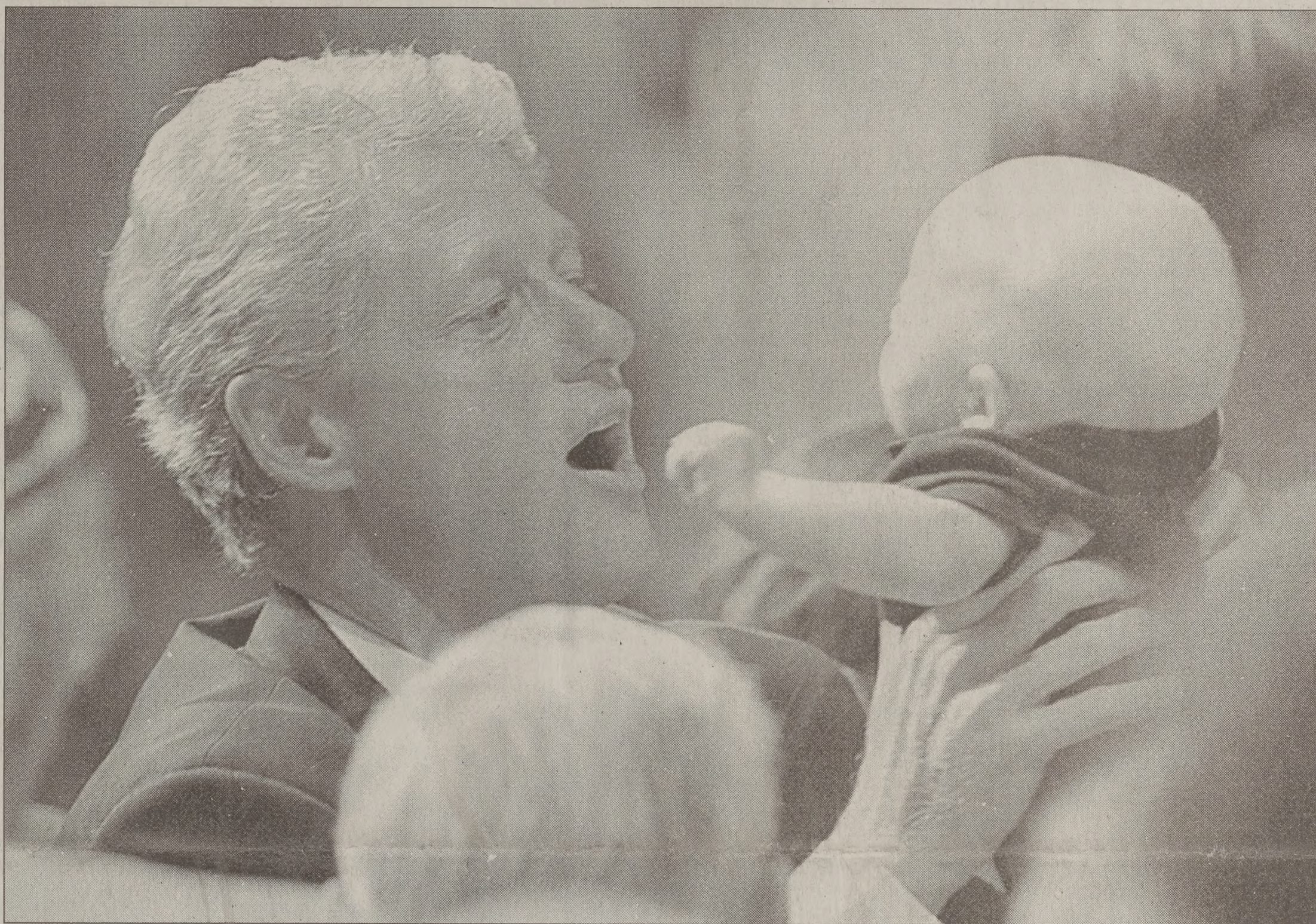
Clinton, accompanied by Vice President Al Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was to detail the change in a splashy East Room ceremony this afternoon. He hoped to set a bipartisan tone, inviting several Republican governors and members of Congress to share in the announcement.

White House officials would not say how much Clinton would ask Congress to increase the "child care block grant" program to \$10 billion that currently reaches 1 million children. Overall, the package of incentives and subsidies would cost about \$20 billion over five years, White House officials said.

Reed, the White House policy chief, called it "a new plan to help parents balance the demands of work and family by making child care more accessible, affordable and safer."

Clinton's plan would limit the child-care tax credit to a family's federal tax liability. Only the income tax credit aimed at poor families is refundable, meaning they can get a check from the government if the credit exceeds their tax liability.

States have pushed to also have a child-care credit refundable for poor parents who pay no taxes. Clinton's new government subsidies for child care expenses. Democrats have opposed expanding



UPI photo

President Bill Clinton lifts a baby after finishing a speech on health care at the Sunrise

Music Hall in Sunrise, Fla. Sept. 5. Clinton is seeking approval of a 25 percent tax credit

to encourage employers to help working parents with child care.

the welfare aspects of federal tax breaks.

"If (the administration) really wanted to be helpful, efforts need to be made to get it refundable, otherwise people from low-income jobs and households have much less access," said Ellen Galinsky, president of the New York-based Families and Work Institute. The institute has consulted extensively with Rodham Clinton, who has made child care a priority project.

The Senate last year passed a bill by

Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., that, for a short term, would have allowed businesses to reduce their federal tax liability by \$1 for every \$2 they spent on child care for their employees.

Although it did not survive negotiations with the House, supporters said the Senate action bodes well for Clinton's smaller but permanent 25 percent tax credit — \$1 off a company's tax bill for every \$4 spent on employee child care.

The White House also was counting on a boost from this year's election

climate, where help for middle-class families would prove popular with many voters.

"I think there is broad bipartisan support in Congress and in statehouses around the country for doing more on child care," Reed said. "It's 1998. I think it is clear there will be real interest in the president's plan."

Other pieces of the package were announced at the Clintons' White House conference on child care in October. They included:

- Establishing a scholarship fund to

provide \$250 million over five years for additional training of up to 50,000 child care providers. The workers, who would get \$1,500 each, would have to remain in the field at least a year.

- Eliminating state barriers to checking criminal backgrounds of child care workers. That plan must be approved by Congress and all 50 states.

- Legislation enforcing state health and safety standards in federal child care centers.

Pilots safe after fighter jets crash

Associated Press

WALL AIR FORCE BASE — About 10 Air Force F-16 fighters collided in midair over the Utah Test and Training Range Wednesday morning.

Another pilot was seriously injured. Scott Hufford landed his damaged plane at a nearby airfield while Paul Hertzberg ejected before crashing.

Dennis Mehring of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base said the accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. MST while the fighters were practicing a training intercept mission.

Wilson said the exercise involved six planes.

There had four aircraft in a four-ship formation that were serving as "blue" or the good guys. We had two F-16s whose mission it was to intercept the good guys, and one of the aircraft from the "red air" impacted with one of the aircraft from the "blue," Wilson said.

Four aircraft involved were part of the 1st Fighter Squadron — the "Black Widows" — part of the 388th. Hertzberg ejected safely from his aircraft, which crashed on the training range, some 105 miles west of the base. He was picked up by a U.S. Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter and taken to the hospital at Hill Air Force Base, where he was treated and released. Wilson said Hertzberg suffered minor injuries.

Wilson said he's probably a little sore at the very least," he said. The command managed to land his damaged plane at Michaels Army Air

Field at Dugway Proving Ground, about 50 miles to the south of the range. He was not injured in the collision.

The test range is a stretch of salt desert about the size of West Virginia located west of the Great Salt Lake. Its eastern edge is about 90 miles northwest of Salt Lake. It is used for air-to-air combat and bombing training for Air Force units throughout the continental U.S., Mehring said.

"It's in the middle of ... nowhere," Mehring said.

Mehring said it would have been unlikely for the aircraft to be carrying live bombs or ammunition.

The average F-16 costs about \$16 million, Wilson said, although the plane lost Wednesday cost closer to \$20 million because of added upgrades.

Two Air Force safety boards will determine the cause of the accident and if negligence was involved. Wilson said it would likely be two months before the boards release their findings, during which time he expected the pilots to remain on active duty.

"Basically our concern is to make sure they're OK," he said. "We're not going to rush them back into the cockpit, but to my knowledge there's no reason they'd be grounded until the investigation is completed ... and even then there's no guarantee."

The last F-16 crash in Utah occurred Feb. 4, 1997, when a plane suffered engine failure and fell into the desert about 10 miles northeast of Wendover. That plane carried two crew members, but both ejected and sustained only minor injuries.

Judge to handle Nichols' sentence

Associated Press

DENVER — Terry Nichols escaped a death sentence Wednesday when his jury deadlocked in the penalty phase of the Oklahoma City bombing trial and was dismissed by the judge.

In a federal criminal trial, a death sentence can only be imposed by a jury. As Nichols sat expressionless, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch sent the dejected jurors home with assurance that they had done their job.

"I do not want you to feel that you have in any way failed to meet your responsibility," said Matsch, who must decide the sentence himself.

Some of the few bombing victims' relatives who were in the courtroom left in tears. A bank clerk on the jury also cried. Nichols' relatives departed smiling and stopped outside to take a family portrait.

Matsch gave attorneys until Feb. 9 to file motions regarding the sentencing, but set no date for it.

Nichols was convicted Dec. 23 of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. But he was acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb in the deadliest terrorist act ever on U.S. soil.

Oklahoma prosecutors have promised to press for a death sentence when they bring him to trial on state charges.

Jury forewoman Niki Deutchman said prosecutors failed to make a case that Nichols was greatly involved in the bombing.

"It's hard to say from the evidence presented exactly what Terry Nichols' involvement was," said

Deutchman, a hospital nurse. She said jurors' views of his involvement in the plot ranged "all the way from a very tiny amount, to totally."

She said "the government perhaps really dropped the ball" in not following up on other possible conspirators. She noted there were sightings of other, unnamed people in the days before the bombing.

"I think there are other people out there," she said.

Matsch said notes he received from the jury made it apparent they were undecided on the two questions of intent.

To impose a death sentence, the law requires that jurors would have to determine that Nichols intentionally participated in the plot or that his participation constituted a reckless disregard for human life.

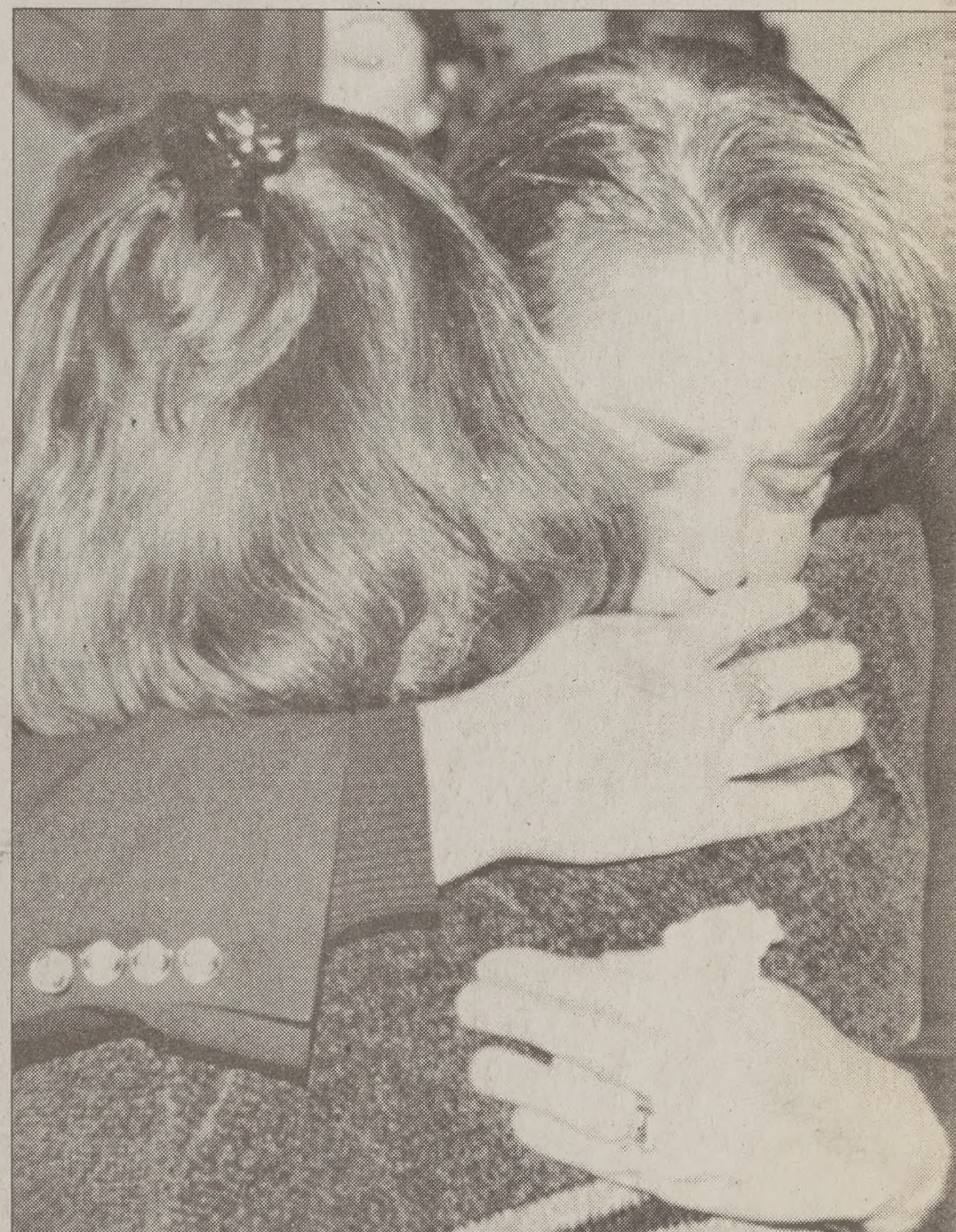
"In substance, the communication was some of you questioned whether you'd already decided intention and what difference was there," Matsch said. "I answered that question ... by explaining I couldn't give a direct answer to that."

Defense attorney Michael Tigar said the judge gave the public an object lesson in the justice system and "we're pleased."

The federal jury had three options: issue a death sentence, send Nichols to prison for life without parole or send the case back to the judge.

Wednesday, after the jury was dismissed from the courtroom, Nichols smiled and hugged his attorney Jane Tigar.

Jim Denny, whose children Brandon and Rebecca were injured in the bombing, sympathized with the jurors. "I really feel for them. I think they made the right choice in letting the judge handle it."



AFP photo

A tearful Marsha Kight, right, hugs Diane Leonard after the jury in the Terry Nichols trial were unable to make a decision in the penalty phase of Nichols case Jan. 7 in Denver. Kite and Leonard lost family in the Oklahoma City blast. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will now decide the penalty for Terry Nichols, which will not include the death penalty.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

3 killed in chemical plant explosions

LOCKWOOD, Nev. — Two powerful blasts leveled an explosives plant near Reno Wednesday, killing three workers and injuring eight others. About 13 people were inside the Sierra Chemical Co. plant near Lockwood, about 12 miles east of Reno, when witnesses heard two consecutive booms and saw a large plume of black smoke, said Washoe County sheriff's Sgt. Bob Towery. Two people were missing after the blasts, felt as far away as Fernley 20 miles east. "The building just literally rocked," said Storey County sheriff's Sgt. Bill Petty, referring to a subdivision clubhouse where he was sitting about 2 miles from the plant.

Clinton honors dead Customs agent

WASHINGTON — A Customs Service agent died from injuries suffered in a boating accident while helping to secure a safe landing for President Clinton and his family aboard Air Force One during a vacation in the Virgin Islands last week. Senior Special Agent Manuel Zurita died Tuesday night in a hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he was airlifted after the Jan. 1 accident off St. Thomas, the Treasury Department said Wednesday. He was 47. Zurita was among three Customs agents seriously injured New Year's Night when their vessel struck a reef in waters near the Charlotte Amalie airport. "This tragic accident painfully reminds us of the risks our law enforcement officials face keeping our country safe," Clinton said in a statement.

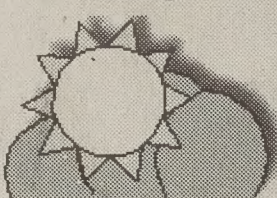
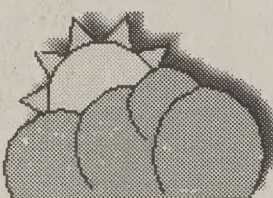
CNN announces schedule overhaul

NEW YORK — CNN announced a major overhaul of its schedule Wednesday, changing many of its anchors during the day, adding more news programs on the weekend and starting a documentary series on Sunday nights. It will be the most dramatic on-air evidence of changes at the struggling news network since former ABC executive Rick Kaplan took over as CNN president last summer. "Our overall strategy is to emphasize CNN's commitment to hard news reporting, depth and content," said Sid Bedingfield, vice president of CNN/USA. CNN will add 4 1/2 hours of news broadcasts on the weekend, canceling feature programs such as "Future Watch" and "Computer Connections." CNN, which recently hired longtime ABC correspondent Jeff Greenfield and Judd Rose, continues to look for a big-name anchor. The schedule changes take effect Monday.


Judges sue government over salaries

WASHINGTON — Federal judges are making a federal case out of their salaries not being kept up with inflation. The lawsuit against the federal government, puts one judge in the unusual position of deciding whether judges are entitled to more money. The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn. Judges — who long have complained about their pay — did get a 2.3 percent cost-of-living boost last week along with other federal workers. But a lawsuit filed by 20 judges insists all federal jurists are entitled to raises for the previous three years as well. With the new raise, federal trial-level judges receive \$136,700 a year while appellate judges get \$145,000. Supreme Court associate justices are paid \$167,900 and the chief justice receives \$175,400. The judges contend the 1989 Ethics Reform Act grants them a cost-of-living raise whenever regular federal workers get one.

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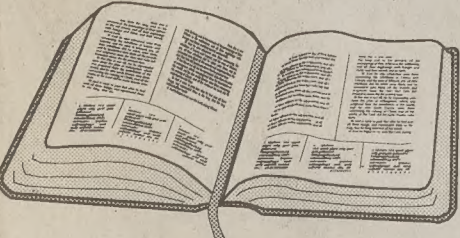


Scripture of the Day

"And now behold, I say unto you, that the foundation of the destruction of this people is beginning to be laid by the unrighteousness of your lawyers and your judges."

— Alma 10:27

Adam Myers likes this scripture because "it helps me remember the need we have to elect good and honorable people to be our rulers." Adam is from Gross Valley, Calif., majoring in zoology.



Iran seeks better relations with U.S.

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — In a rare interview aimed at easing two decades of hostility between Iran and the United States, President Mohammad Khatami praised Americans and advocates warmer relations between people from the two nations. In the interview with Cable News Network, broadcast Wednesday evening, he also blamed the U.S. government for the deep rift between Washington and Tehran that developed after the 1979 Islamic revolution. The interview is the latest step by Khatami, 55, a moderate cleric elected with a groundswell of popular support in May, toward rapprochement with the West — a position opposed by powerful hard-liners in Iran. The United States severed ties with Iran in 1979 after Islamic militants loyal to the revolutionary government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. In recent years, Washington has tried to isolate Iran economically and politically, a policy that Europe and other regions with strong trade links to Tehran have resisted. Aides who sat in on the CNN interview late Tuesday did not provide exact quotes, but said the president complimented Americans and was clearly trying to inject some warmth into what have been tense and bitter relations between the nations. Since winning the presidency, Khatami has made several overtures to the West, all the while taking care not to offend powerful Iranian clerics who despise the West, particularly the U.S. government. At an Islamic summit in Tehran in December, he said the Muslim world needed to learn from Western civil-

Oil prices plunge to record lows

Associated Press

LONDON — The price of oil has plunged to its lowest level in more than two years, and analysts say there's little chance for a quick rebound. Crude oil prices could fall further — a good deal for consumers, but bad news for producers — unless demand picks up or a panicky OPEC cuts back its recently increased output, experts said Wednesday. "It's all downhill," said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London. "The alarm bells must be ringing." Analysts had predicted prices for the world's most vital commodity would weaken — but not before spring and not with such severity. Oil futures for next-month delivery were selling at \$16.85 a barrel at midday Wednesday in New York — a level last seen in 1995, a year when the spot futures price bottomed out at \$16.60 in July. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meanwhile, said it was getting just \$14.69 a barrel on average. That's more than \$6 below the group's \$21 target, the lowest since it sold oil for \$14.65 a barrel on April 20, 1994. The average OPEC price is always substantially lower than the New York futures price, because the New York Mercantile Exchange contracts represent a premium low-sulfur grade of oil that is easier to refine into fuels. The recent diving market may not mean any windfalls for Western motorists, because the price of gasoline in many nations can be influenced more by taxes than by spot movements in petroleum markets. But if the lower prices persist, they could boost the economies of oil-dependent nations, while hurting those that sell oil.

Analysts cite several reasons for the recent drop: -The Asian economic crisis. Most recent growth in world oil demand has come from Asia. Drollas predicts the financial troubles there could halve the projected growth in Asian demand this year from around 800,000 barrels a day to around 400,000 barrels a day. -Iraq's resumption of crude exports. Iraq can now sell limited amounts of crude under an oil-for-food deal with the United Nations. Analysts warn that Iraqi crude sales could make markets tumble because the U.N. program specifies dollar amounts that can be sold, so more oil must be sold to meet the target if prices keep falling. Iraq has been barred since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait from freely exporting its crude. -A mild winter so far in the north-eastern United States and Western Europe, where seasonal demand for home heating oil can prop up markets at this time of year.

lization, saying its scientific and technological advances could be of help to the Islamic nation. He again signaled his openness to the United States in a news conference last month, when he called for "a thoughtful dialogue" with Americans. "At the appropriate time, I will present my words to the American people," he added. The Clinton administration has appeared receptive to Iran's new posture, though with some provisos. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the United States was willing to open such a dialogue. However, he said Washington would take that opportunity to raise concerns about Iran's development of weapons of mass destruction, its support of terrorism and its opposition to the Middle East peace process. "These are topics that we think ought to be part of a serious and substantive and authoritative and openly acknowledged dialogue that we have long said we'd be prepared to enter into," Rubin said. Khatami's interview has been billed by his allies as an address to Americans, but the marketing of the interview speaks to the tricky politics involved: By directing his remarks to the American people rather than their government, Khatami gets around Islamic hard-liners' antipathy for Washington. The conservatives have demanded that any call for dialogue with Americans be balanced with criticism of their leaders, and Khatami appears to have complied. The ultra-conservative speaker of the Parliament, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, told reporters Wednesday: "To send a message to the American people is all right. ... We must speak to the American people and let them know our complaints against the country's leader."

The government claims that Washington has unfairly singled out Iran because of political differences, and that it has distorted the truth in an effort to stain Iran's image internationally. In the May presidential election, Khatami heavily outpolled Nateq-Nouri, who was backed by the hard-line establishment. Voters, particularly the younger generation, expressed


hope that Khatami would ease the strictures that they had endured to-day life in Iran could not afford. strong opposition from among them including the supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, whose power and influence remains formidable.

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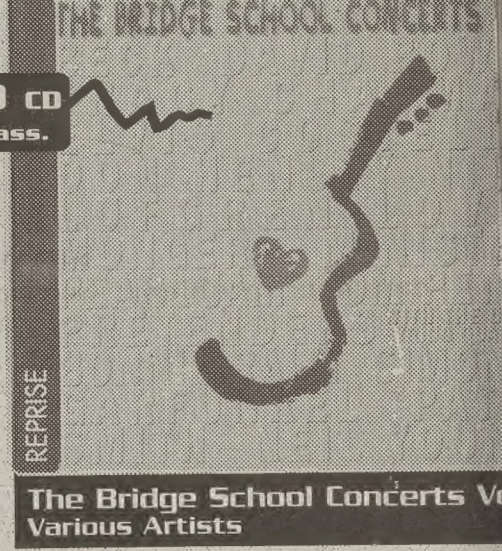
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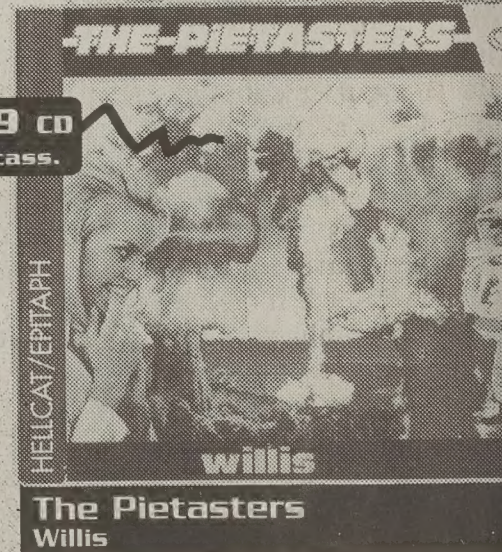
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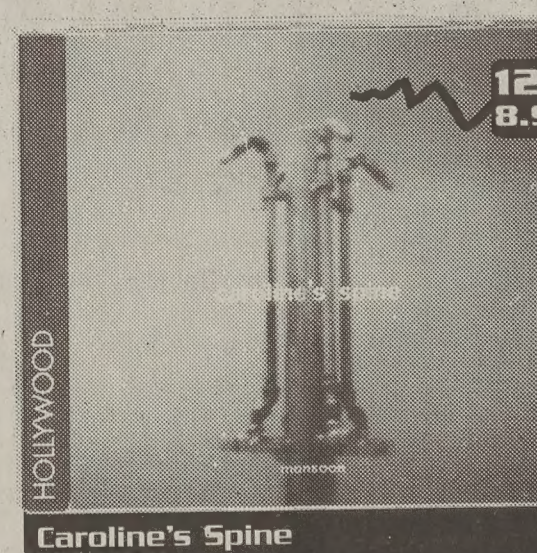
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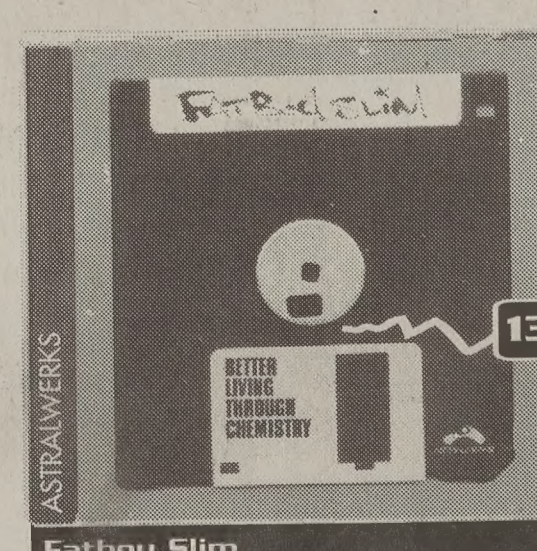
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Israeli options not pretty

All signs point to Israel's soon having a new government, which is not a pleasant prospect for the peace process.

The history of Israel is the history of coalition governments. The 120-seat Israeli parliament is comprised of numerous small parties with distinct agendas, and getting a majority of them to agree on anything is a daunting feat for any prime minister. Benjamin Netanyahu has lost his ability to do that.

On Jan. 1, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy finally followed through on his threat to resign from the government, citing a lack of money for social welfare programs in the 1998 budget and the failure of the peace negotiations to produce substantive results.

After the budget passed on Tuesday, Netanyahu rose and announced that within 45 days he would propose amendments to the budget to allocate \$98 million for poor cities and other social projects. The proposal was an attempt by Netanyahu to advise Levy's followers among poor Jews from North Africa and the Middle East that his government would meet their needs with or without Levy.

On Tuesday Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai failed to attend a scheduled meeting with Netanyahu. Instead, he visited troops in southern Lebanon. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparations for the visit of Dennis Ross, the American mediator in the Middle East. Mordechai's non-attendance was symbolic of the increasing alienation felt by Levy and other moderates in a polarized and sluggish peace process.

Without the five votes of Levy's faction, Netanyahu has only a 61-59 majority. Losing Mordechai would be the end of Netanyahu's coalition, bringing early elections.

"This is the last supper," said Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, a political ally of Netanyahu, after a meeting of the coalition on Monday night. "It must be said truthfully: If Levy doesn't come back, the government has no chance of lasting."

Netanyahu was more optimistic. "They've eulogized me at least 18 times in the last 18 months, and look, I'm still here," Netanyahu was quoted as saying in Tuesday's New York Times.

If new elections were called, the entire peace process would halt for at least the 60-day campaign required by Israeli law, and probably for considerably longer, as a new government coalition was formed.

If Netanyahu's government survives, the next hurdle it must clear is deciding how much of the West Bank to cede to the Palestinians. Nationalists within Netanyahu's coalition, most notably the National Religious Party and Force 17, have vowed to battle any withdrawal.

"Every Knesset member now becomes a king, and Netanyahu the servant of all his masters," wrote Yossi Verter in Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper.

Netanyahu is scheduled to come to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Clinton in less than two weeks. In the intervening time, Netanyahu is supposed to win approval from his Cabinet for a further withdrawal from the West Bank, which the United States reportedly expects to be in the range of 12 to 15 percent.

Without Levy, Netanyahu is dependent on right-wing parties, whose leaders have consistently resisted concessions to the Palestinians. The few moderate voices within the government have quietly slipped out the back door, leaving Netanyahu alone on stage, facing a hostile crowd. Netanyahu is on his way out. The alternatives are not pretty, because any new coalition will likely be more subject to the whims of extremist parties than the current government, a rather undesirable end for those seeking peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

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Tips for getting your letters published

Welcome back. It's a new semester. We at The Daily Universe are hoping that many of you will take time to write a letter to the editor this semester, and in order to give you the best possible chance of getting that letter published, here are a few of our rules and a few suggestions.

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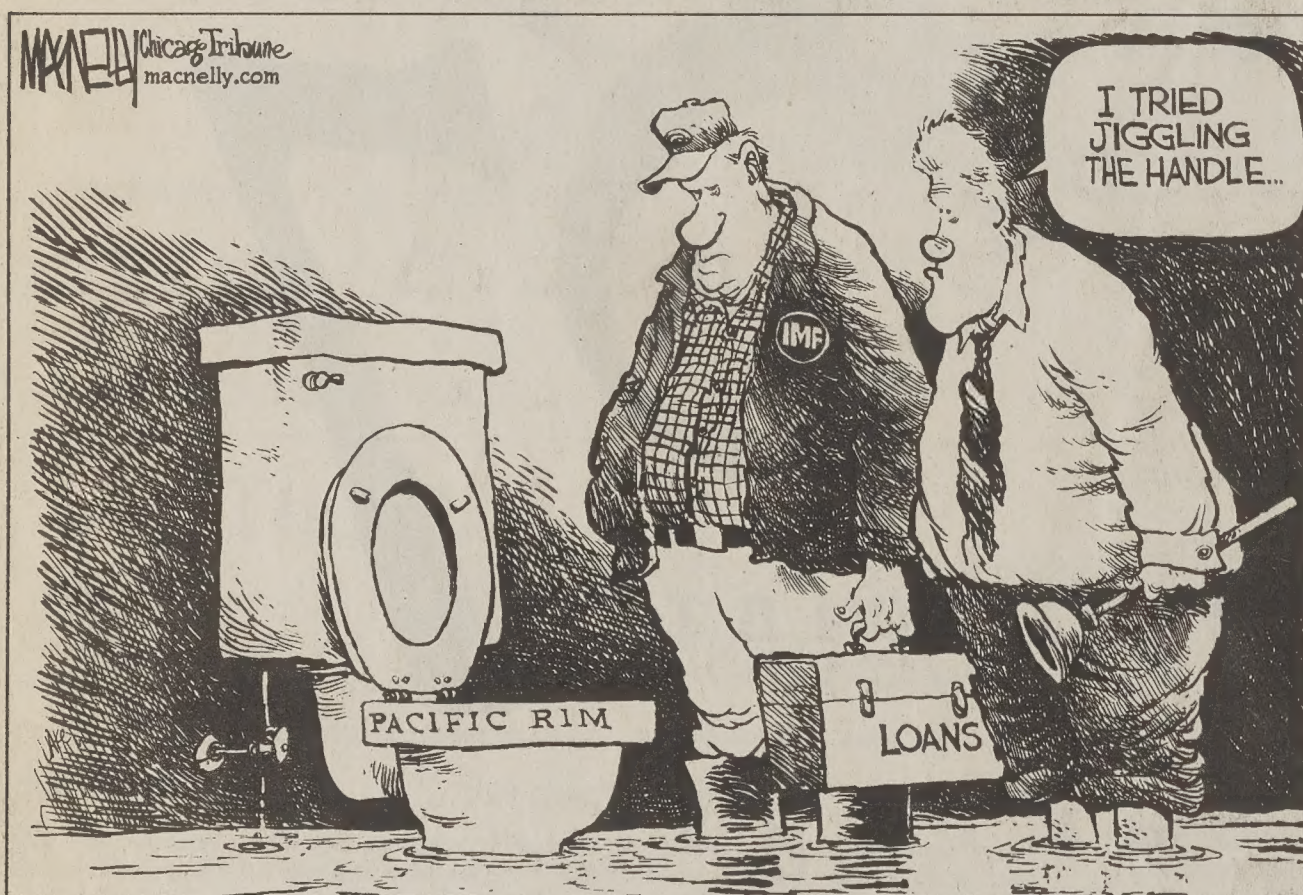
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Be careful buying life insurance

I think I finally figured out why the life insurance industry has such a mixed reputation.

It is true that a life insurance policy is good security when you are responsible for providing for a family. But if you are single or don't have kids, who's going to benefit from you dying?

The trouble with life insurance policies is that no one but the insurance company underwriters can understand them. Insurance

companies can write a policy to mean whatever they want. Because of that, you may easily be duped into buying a policy that's not best for you or has some trick clause, simply because you can't fully understand what you are buying.

Ivan Beutler, an associate professor in the Family Science Department and one of the Money Management teachers said a life insurance policy "is a very carefully crafted document so that they can claim that they do disclose everything."

"But Joseph Belth, a University of Indiana scholar who devoted his life to study life insurance from the consumer's point of view, points out that the industry is very powerful; it's very large (with a lot of money) and very influential," he said.

Beutler thinks "that Joseph Belth brings a lot of objectivity to the topic." Beutler said Belth believes there are a lot of good people in the insurance industry, but the ones in control have done nothing to make life insurance policies easy for the consumer to understand.

And the insurance companies won't be

changing any time soon because the present, confusing way is too profitable to quit unless everyone quits together.

Beutler said that one of the laws governing the industry is that life insurance companies must disclose to their customers their policies' interest adjusted index. This index is a better indicator of a policy's quality than just comparing premium prices because it considers everything in the policy — premiums, dividends paid on the policy, how fast cash value builds up and the retention rate (meaning whether they keep you on the policy as you age).

So, how do consumers know if they are getting a good deal? Beutler suggests three things. First, he said, "Consumers are going to have to give the energy for a fully thorough search."

Second, "they can take the time to send in and have their policy evaluated." The National Insurance Consumer Organization will evaluate your policy for a fee and tell you what you are signing in terms you can understand.

The last suggestion is to look up the policy's interest adjusted index instead of looking just at premiums. Beutler said the indices are listed in a book (available in the Tanner Building) titled Best's Insurance.

Other than these three, you could also study the history of life insurance in Belth's book *Life Insurance: A Consumer Handbook*.

Because insurance policies are hard to read and understand, be careful what you sign up for or you will pay later.



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Readers' Forum

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Need more Mac support

Nick Stetich

When I came to this university, I had very high hopes for the vast computing resources that would be available to me. I had dreams of a giant network I could use to communicate with classmates and professors; I dreamed of an Internet connection faster than I had ever used before; I wanted to put my computer to its fullest use — but I have a Mac, and this university seems set on making IBM the platform of choice.

CougarNet certainly makes owning a Mac more expensive when it comes to purchasing Ethernet service in the dorms. Ethernet service requires a setup fee in addition to the monthly fee that, for PC users, includes a necessary networking card and cable for their computer that they return at the end of their residence. For me, the same fee included a cable that already came with the card that I had to go out and purchase myself.

Why are IBM-compatibles preferred by the university? It can't be ease of use! I'm baffled by the situations my pro-Windows friends seem to encounter at every bend: software that doesn't run, hardware that Windows refuses to recognize, or installations that go completely awry. Every time my roommate shuts off his computer, the display goes wonky and he can't get more than 16 colors on the screen, while he should be able to get thousands more.

It's not that I'm asking the university to sell all the computers in its current labs and buy only Macs. Really, I just want some good tech support instead of a lot of grief. Some people would call me old-fashioned and peculiar for using the computer I do, that I should catch up with the times. But then, I'm at an old-fashioned school and amongst a peculiar people.

Keeping the love alive

Becky Higgins
Brunswick, Md.

Often times, married couples find themselves in a "comfort zone." This trap is so easy to fall into because when you're married, you

quickly become very comfortable with each other. When you are happy, it doesn't seem that much work needs to be done and there's no need for change in the marriage relationship. Almost every couple falls into this stage at least one point in their marriage.

Guess what? Even when good marital relationships are happy, they still need to be maintained and enriched on a constant basis. Even happy, healthy marriages need work and effort!

I encourage other couples who have found themselves in this comfortable, smooth-riding boat to jump out of the boat! Get wet! Be spontaneous! Make every effort to make your own marriage more of a priority, because it should be. This means that the relationship with your spouse comes before your work, your friends, your hobbies and projects, and even your children, often times! Putting more effort into our marriages should be an important and exciting part of our lives.

Remember that you still need to date on a regular basis even after you've tied the knot! Turn off the TV and go for a walk, read a book together, go away for a weekend. Do whatever it takes. Show your spouse that he/she is the number one priority in your life—still!

Nothing to see here

Michelle Dunn
Greeley, Colo.

For days I have festered with the frustration of weaving and dancing from side to side, try-

ing to find the quickest route possible through large groups of jabbering student socializers.

Don't get me wrong I am a loves jabbering, I love talking, I love being, but talkers and fast walkers collide. There isn't the space or the time usually during passing periods, for slowly to a snail's pace for the socialization.

Students stuck behind slow often late for their next class. Important announcements or quick decisions at least once or twice a day, I am across the grass in order to get socializers.

I have to walk on the grass a more often when I have 10 minutes from the JKHB to the HGB. It's which is the greater of two evils, grass (which we are explicitly told to miss the quizzes given at the the classes).

As a solution to my dilemma, I proposed that we lay black asphalt whole flippin' campus, but then it would mean even more cars besides it wouldn't make for a very campus. So, then I decided the polite courtesy reminder to the walkers wouldn't hurt either.

Fellow students, please be aware trying to make their way to class, to discuss the days activities with it off to the side where people can you. I, for one, would really appreciate a polite gesture.

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Cancer cure sought on campus

SARAH L. OSTLER
Universe Staff Writer

Students do not know that a BYU Cancer Research Center is working to find a cure for this deadly disease.

There are many people, many students at this university whose lives have been significantly affected by cancer, said Dr. Daniel Simmons, associate professor of biochemistry and director of the Cancer Research Center.

Elder Dallin H. Oaks was president of BYU in the early 1980s. Church President Harold B. Lee charged Oaks with several goals, one of them was to research a cure for cancer.

One would hope that you would find the students of this institution are aware of the possibility that the Cancer Research Center could make a significant contribution to the discovery of a cure for cancer," President Oaks said. "We charge you to give your best to these budding scientists and scholars in all fields... to go back further and further into the unknown."

One charge was one of the main reasons that students and faculty decided to establish cancer research through the center.

One goal is to raise in students the awareness that we can make significant contributions. We need to be players in the field of cancer research," Simmons said. "We cannot train students in obsolete science — it has to be cutting-edge science."

Dr. O'Neill, associate professor of Microbiology Department and a board member of the Cancer Research Center, said the university is beginning to realize that good science comes from good research. Research, however, requires time and money. This takes time and money, Simmons said.

One problem to train students is limited amount of funding we have, Simmons said. At present, the center is funded by private donors and external grant money. There is no funding from the university.

The Cancer Awareness Group, a student group, holds funds through BYUSA, holds funds as well as informing the community about cancer.

The Cancer Awareness Group was founded four years ago by Lance Olson, a student at BYU. He had been in high school and, when he came to BYU, he decided to continue his mission, decided to found an awareness group.

Now, the Awareness Group and the Cancer Research Center are separate entities. Patrick Olson, a senior at Lake City majoring in psychology and co-president of BYU's Cancer Awareness Group. "We'd like to see the two so that we can work together," he said.

Simmons and O'Neill both said the Cancer Research Center appreciates the work the Awareness Group is doing.

Students have an interest in cancer through education, awareness, the Awareness Group on campus is a great organization.

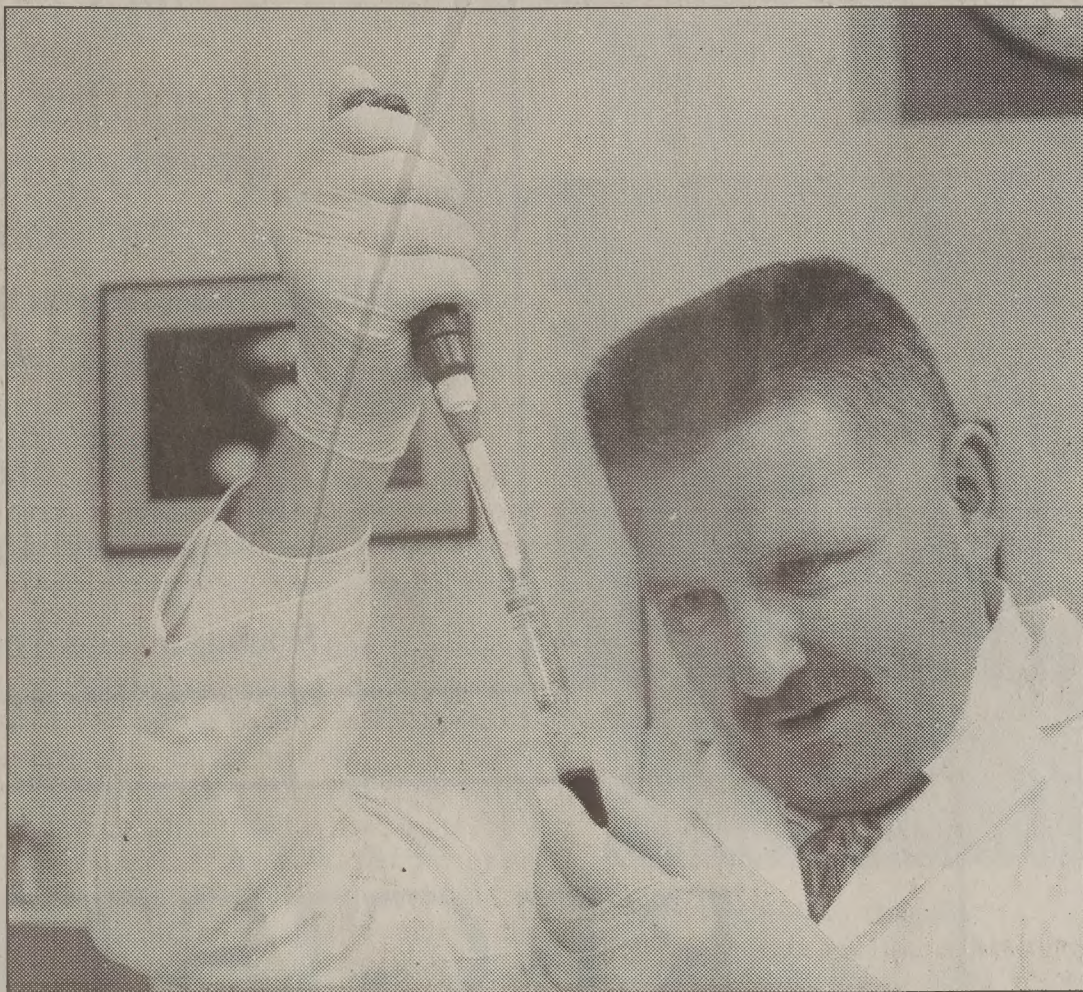


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Dr. Kim O'Neill, associate professor of microbiology and a board member of the Cancer Research Center, extracts serum from blood for biochemical analysis. The center seeks to find a cure for cancer.

tion to join," Simmons said.

The group has a mission to provide service to those with cancer, to educate the community and to raise money for research, Olson said.

"Cancer research is such a cross-discipline. It crosses so many boundaries. Everyone has been touched by it," O'Neill said. "We need to recruit people from any walk of life who are interested in helping find a cure for cancer."

Katie Rawlings, a senior from Fremont, Calif., majoring in elementary education, knows the importance of cancer research.

In the past year, significant advances have occurred in finding a cure for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, the cancer that killed her mother eight years ago.

"Any progress in cancer research, even small steps, is significant," she said.

There are 24 faculty members from different colleges working with the Research Center. The different disciplines involve statistics, food science, nutrition, microbiology, chemistry and biochemistry, O'Neill said.

"We are approaching cancer from many different angles, hoping to increase the Research Center's effectiveness," Simmons said.

The Research Center has various types of work going on. Some medicinal chemists are working on synthesizing new anti-cancer agents, which are drugs that eradicate a tumor. Others are studying natural products derived primarily from plants that have anti-cancer activity. Some are working on developing diagnostics or studying genetics and bioinformatics. Tumor biologists and biochemists are working on new strategies for treating cancer. Others are studying the nutritional effects on cancer.

If students wish to get involved with cancer research in a lab,

Simmons recommends they go to their department to find out available research activities. Students should prepare for research as soon as they come to school, so they can be ready to do research their junior and senior years.

"Students need to start to prepare so they can have the proper course work background -- biology, chemistry, physics -- so they can function effectively and safely in a lab," Simmons said.

In students' junior and senior years, they work through the professor they are interested in.

If people want to test ideas no one has tested before regarding cancer research, they could apply to the Research Center for funding. If successful, the Center would provide them with some funds that would help get some of the preliminary work done, O'Neill said.

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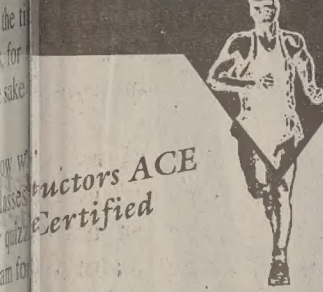
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FELLOWSHIPS IN - RESIDENCE AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION The Smithsonian Institution offers in - residence fellowships for research and study in fields which are actively pursued by the museums and research organizations of the Institution. At present these fields are: animal behavior, ecology and environmental science including an emphasis on the tropics; anthropology, including archaeology; archaeometry; astrophysics and astronomy; earth sciences and paleobiology; evolutionary and systematic biology; history of science and technology; history of art, especially American, contemporary, African and Asian art, twentieth century American crafts and decorative arts; social and cultural history of the United States; and folklife. Smithsonian fellowships are open to all qualified individuals without reference to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or condition of handicap. There are four awards offered for scholars ranging from individuals seven years or more beyond their Ph.D. to graduate students not yet advanced to Ph.D. candidacy. Application materials must be requested from the Smithsonian. Deadline is January 15, 1998.

TAU BETA PI FELLOWSHIPS Tau Beta Pi administers several different fellowships and offers them to all initiated members of Tau Beta Pi who are dedicated to advancing the interest of the engineering profession. The award stipend is approximately \$7,500 payable in ten monthly increments. The award is intended for

graduate study in engineering. Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 1998.

PHI KAPPA PHI GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS Phi Kappa Graduate Fellowships of \$7,000 for the first year of graduate study in any field are available to members of Phi Kappa Phi. Applications for the fellowship can be picked up from Lee Hendrix (216 TMCB) and need to be returned by January 15, 1998. Fifty of the fellowships are awarded nationally each year. During the past 17 years, BYU students have been awarded fellowships in 15 years and received "Honorable Mention" stipends the other two years. Fellowship winners also receive lifetime Phi Kappa Phi memberships.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE This endowment is a chance for Junior Fellows to be a part of an organization which conducts programs of research, discussion, publication and education in international relations and US foreign policy. Up to eleven students are hired to work at the Endowment on a full-time basis for a period of one year. Junior Fellows work as research or editorial assistants at the endowment and can work on projects such as nuclear non-proliferation, arms control, democracy, economic reform, immigration, and research on regional areas in virtually all parts of the world. The monthly salary is \$1,850 and benefits include medical, life and business travel insurance. Junior Fellows are responsible for their own housing arrangements. Applicants must be nominated by an official of their University, be graduating seniors or within a year of graduation (without having begun their graduate studies) and have a significant part of their undergraduate work in international politics or economics. Deadline for applying is January 15, 1998.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM As a means of increasing the number of US citizens trained in disciplines of science and engineering of military importance, the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award approximately 90 new three-year Graduate Fellowships in April 1998. Department of Defense will offer these fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in sci-

ence and engineering. National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships will be awarded for study and research leading to doctoral degrees in mathematical, physical, biological, ocean and engineering sciences. Preference will be given to applicants who indicate an intention to pursue a doctoral degree in or closely related to one of the following specialties: aeronautical and astronautical engineering; biosciences (includes toxicology); chemical engineering; chemistry; cognitive, neural, and behavioral sciences; computer science; electrical engineering; geosciences (includes terrain, water and air); materials science and engineering; mathematics; mechanical engineering; naval architecture and ocean engineering; oceanography; and physics (includes optics). In the first nine years of the program approximately 1,000 fellowships have been awarded from over 20,400 applications received. New fellowships to be offered in April 1998 will be for tenured periods of three years. NDSEG Fellows do not incur military or other service obligation. The NDSEG Fellows may choose as their fellowship institutions appropriate United States institutions of higher education offering advanced degrees in science or engineering. The stipends for new 1998-99 Fellows for 1998-99 is \$17,500. For 1999-2000 the amount is \$18,500. For 2000-2001 the amount will be \$19,500. Deadline for applying is January 21, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FELLOWSHIPS The US Department of Energy offers five different fellowship opportunities; the Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics Fellowship Program, the Applied Health Physics Fellowship, the Fusion Energy Sciences Fellowship Program, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Fellowship, and the Industrial Hygiene Fellowship. Students who hold undergraduate degrees in the physical sciences (chemistry, physics, etc.), life or health sciences, engineering (chemical, electrical, mechanical, metallurgical, nuclear, etc.) or mathematics may be eligible for one of the fellowships. Applicants must also be a US citizen (or permanent resident alien), and be admitted as a full-time regular graduate student near the beginning of their graduate study. Deadline for all of these awards is January 26, 1998.

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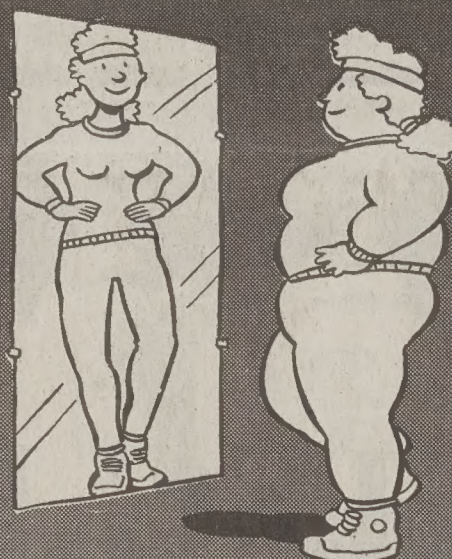
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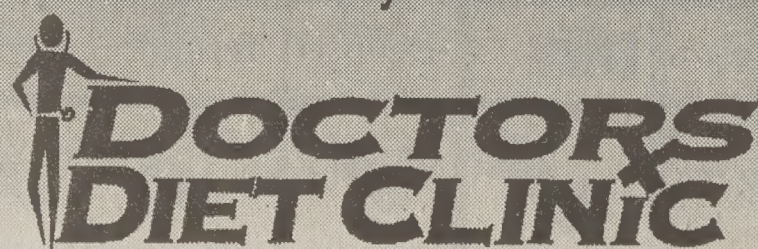


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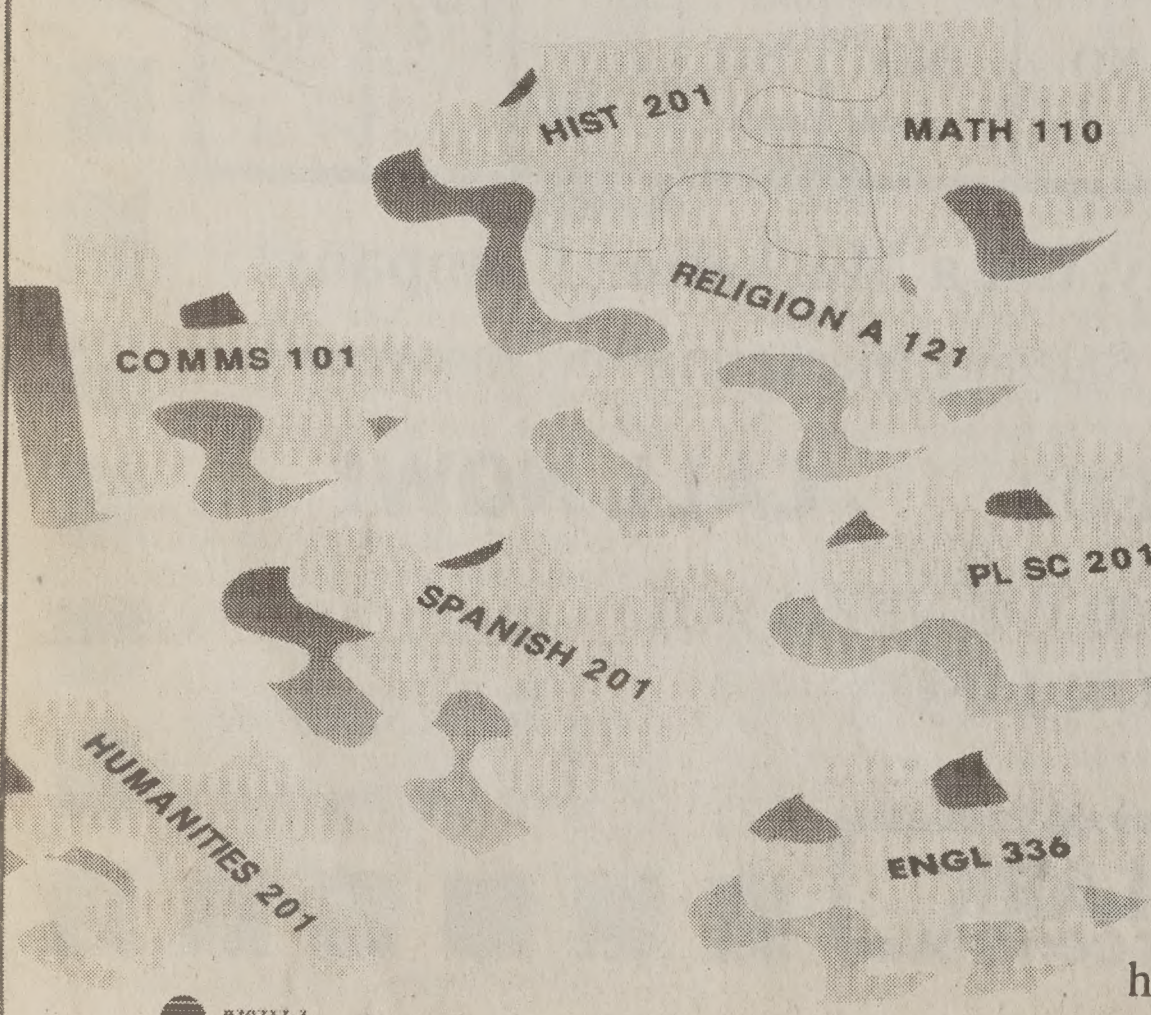


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Violinist to guest with symphony

TODAY

HEATHER HANSEN
Associate City Editor

The Utah Symphony returns to Brigham Young University tonight with a performance at 7:30 in the de Jong Concert Hall.

The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the de Jong Concert Hall in Salt Lake City.

The concert will feature guest soloist Pamela Frank who will perform Brahms' "Concerto in D Major" and "Concerto in A Minor" with the Utah Symphony. Other works performed include Schubert's "Symphony No. 9" and "Symphony No. 6."

Frank is the daughter of acclaimed pianist Claude Frank and studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She has become dedicated to standard and contemporary

repertoire. Her discography includes two Mozart concertos, the Brahms sonatas with piano accompaniment and a Schubert album with piano accompaniment. She is also featured on

the soundtrack to the movie "Immortal Beloved."

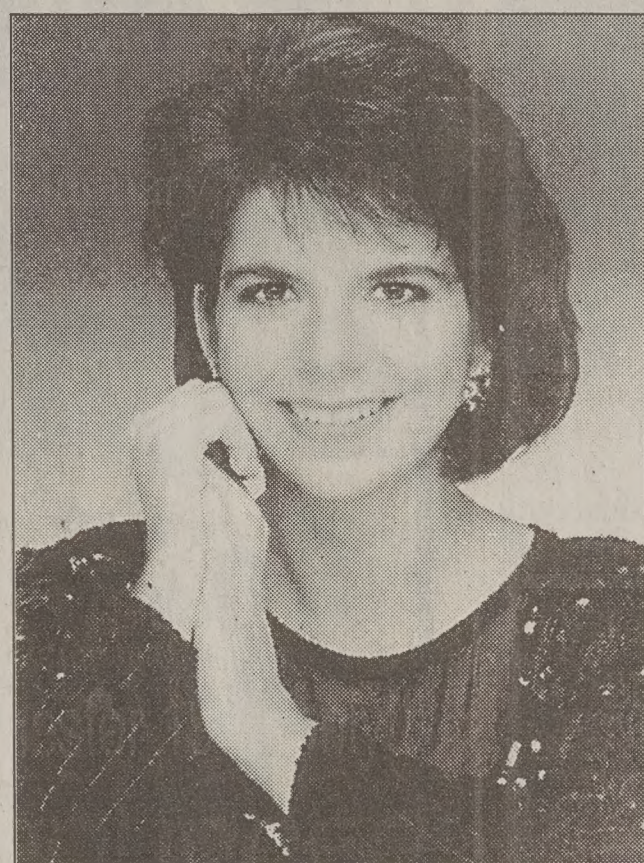
Her talent will likely be a compliment to the increasing musical excellence of the Utah Symphony.

Bryce Rytting, conductor of the BYU Philharmonic Orchestra, said he was impressed with the increasing quality of the symphony. He explained there are two rankings of orchestras, the first consisting of the world's most prestigious orchestras and the second consisting of regional orchestras.

He said that such prestigious orchestras, such as the New York Philharmonic, can easily afford to hire away the country's most talented musicians.

However, while the Utah Symphony is a regional orchestra, they have grown to offer much talent with a solid, respectable sound, he said.

The symphony has been pleasing audiences since 1940 when the orchestra emerged from a Works Progress Administration ensemble created in 1935. According to a news release, the orchestra now has 83 musicians and plays year round, presenting more than



Pamela Frank will be the guest soloist with the Utah Symphony at the de Jong Concert Hall tonight at 7:30. Performances in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

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250 performances annually. Performances include Christmas concerts, the annual New Year's Eve in Symphony Hall and Irish

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Grammy nominees announced

Associated Press

— This year's Grammy Award nominations were announced Tuesday. The nominees for their snubs as their honorees.

The Girls may have been everywhere in magazines and television this past year, but they won't be heading to the 40th annual Grammy Awards presented Feb. 25. They didn't earn one of the 460 nominations announced Tuesday.

Princess Diana, "Candle in the Ice," is the best-selling single of all time but was not nominated for song or record of the year. It did earn a nomination for best male pop vocal performance.

Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs earned seven nominations. But despite producing 14 singles on the Top 40 last year, he wasn't among the five nominees for best male pop vocal performance.

The Notorious B.I.G. was nominated for best rap performance with "Juicy." His single "Be Missing You," was also shut out of major nominations. He was criticized for borrowing heavily from the song "Every Breath You Take" for his hit.

Last year's best new artist, LeAnn Rimes, was shut out of the major categories of song, record and album of the year. So was Jewel. And newcomer Erykah Badu.

"These were the most surprising Grammy Award nominations that I've ever seen," said Thomas O'Neil, author of "The Grammys: For the Record."

The snubs come three years after the Grammys changed their nomination procedures in response to persistent criticism about honoring the music industry's most conservative voices.

Nominees for the top categories are chosen by a secret screening panel of veteran industry insiders, instead of by a general vote by members of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

Sentimental Grammy voters like to honor old favorites, and this could be Bob Dylan's year.

Dylan's ghostly "Time Out of Mind," his best sustained work in more than two decades, was nominated for best album and contemporary folk album. His "Cold Irons Bound" also was nominated for best rock vocal performance.

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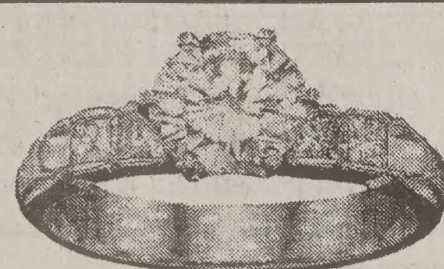
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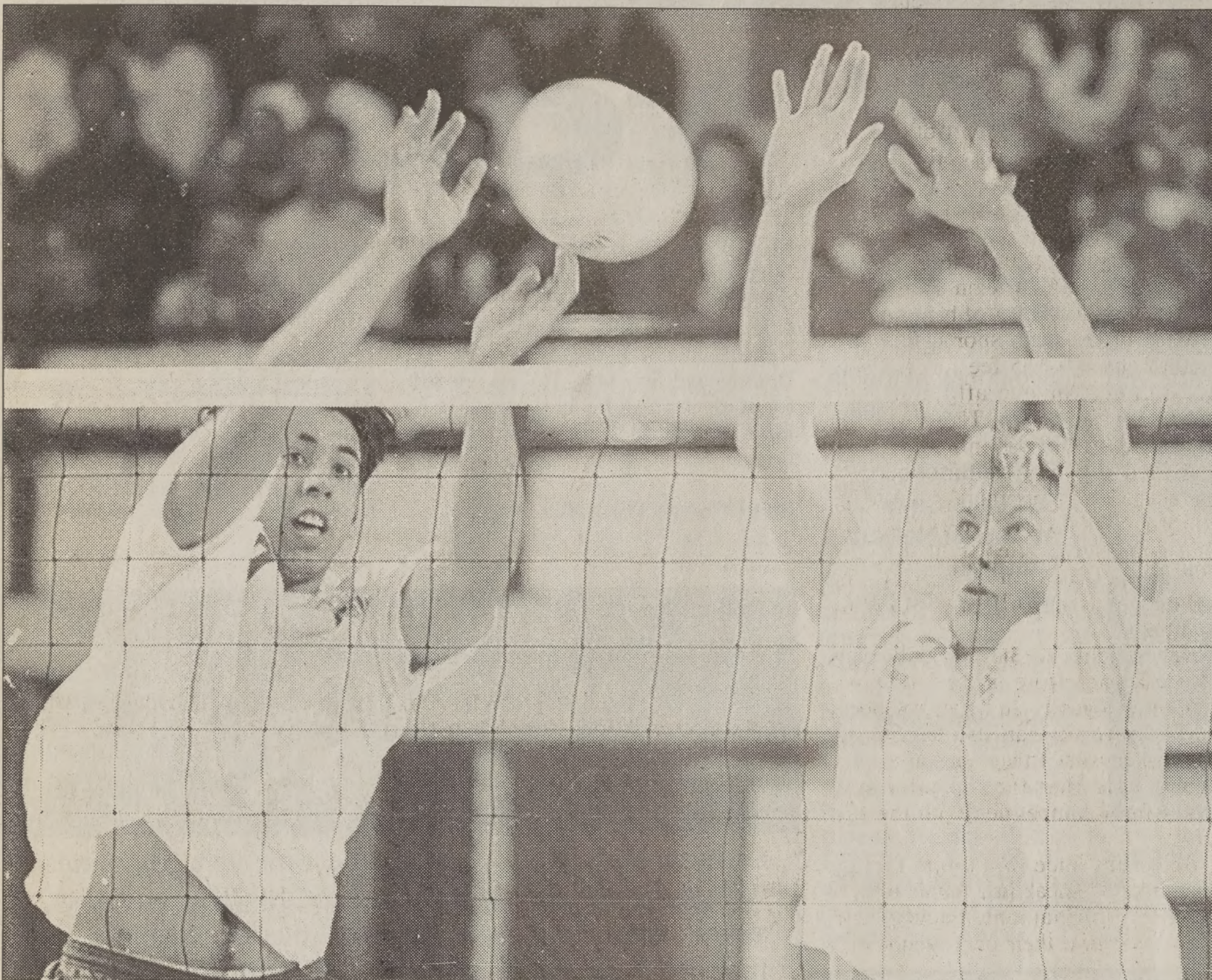
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BYU All-American Ryan Millar, right, and Hector Lebron combine for a block during a victory over Stanford at the Smith Fieldhouse last season. Millar and Lebron return to lead a talented BYU team ranked No. 1 by Volleyball Magazine in its preseason rankings. BYU finished No. 4 last year.

Volleyball starts new season as top team

By JOEL WHITE
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time in the history of BYU, a sports team has been ranked No. 1 in the nation in a preseason poll.

Volleyball Magazine has picked the BYU's men's team as No. 1 in the nation in its annual preseason collegiate preview. With five returning starters from last year's team, which at season's end was ranked fourth, the magazine said BYU is the team to beat this year.

Head coach Carl McGown says his players won't let the pressure of being ranked No. 1 get to them.

"(The ranking) may make (the team) practice like they're the No. 1 team in the nation, but when they finally get out there and start serving and spiking, they'll realize, 'hey, we've got to play this game,'" McGown said. "It really is a nice honor to be ranked that high, but now, we've got to play."

The Cougars open their season this weekend when they travel to California for the 24-team Cal-State Santa Barbara Invitational, a tournament they won last year.

McGown expects the competition at the tournament to be some of the best they'll face all season.

"Six of the top 10 teams in the nation will be there," he said. BYU's first game will be against Sacramento State Friday night.

Returning starters include junior All-American Ryan Millar, junior Ingo Lindemann, senior Justin Spain, sophomores Hector Lebron and Chris Pitzak and junior Oswald Antonetti.

Millar was also selected as the league's player of the year. He averaged 6.49 kills per game and 1.69 blocks.

McGown said that he is also depending on some new players, including sophomore Adam Zuffinetti and freshman Shane Van Beest, to play a role in the team's anticipated success. "We have a lot of depth," McGown said, "but we're going to need some players to step up for us."

Van Beest came to BYU from Brisbane, Australia, where he was a member of that country's national team.

Despite the ranking and the talent and depth the team has, McGown said he doesn't want to get bogged down in expectations.

"We don't have expectations, we have hopes," he said. "We hope to play in a national championship game. We hope to win the national championship. But you can't tell what's going to happen this season."

McGown also said the Cougars play in a strong league, which features seven of the top 10 teams in the nation.

"Our league is pretty tough," he said. "It's like being in the ACC in basketball."

The Cougars finished last season with a 20-6 record, with a 15-6 record in league play. The season was highlighted by a home win against eventual national champs Stanford.

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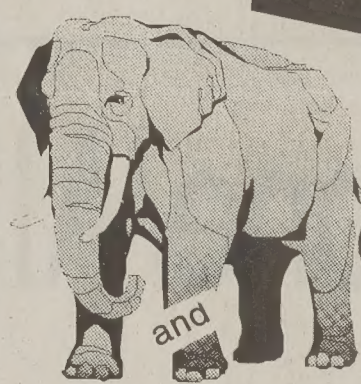


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Variety is the theme of Intramurals

By CLEON WALL
Associate Video Editor

As the new semester dawns, it is time for different intramural sports to be available for students, faculty and staff. Of course, the obvious reason for the change is that the colder the weather gets, the more that the sports move indoors.

The most popular sport during the winter semester is basketball. Over 700 men's and women's teams can participate. Hundreds of schedules have already been sold, but there are still plenty available. Floor hockey, which only had 24 team spots open, filled up within hours of being open.

Most of the team sports, like basketball, have a \$15 fee for the team to sign up. Anyone affiliated with BYU can participate. Those who are not students or are not currently enrolled full-time at BYU need to purchase a \$20 intramural card. Mike Heath, Assistant Director of Intramural Activities, said the card fee compensates for what would be taken out from full-time students tuition.

But students are not the only ones that can participate in the intramural activities. Faculty and staff members of the university can also form teams and participate if they choose to. But Heath said that they usually stay away from competition with the students.

But every once in a while faculty members do sneak in a tennis or racquetball tournament. Faculty and staff also have their own racquetball

league if they wish to participate only against other faculty members.

Some of the more interesting competitions cost absolutely nothing. Backgammon, arm wrestling, chess and wrestling are a few of the more obscure sports that not many people sign up for. Even a sports trivia competition is available Feb. 26.

Some events are not even competitions at all. Aerobic dance, water aerobics and step aerobics all have a fee, but are worth it to the people who participate. Mary Hartvigsen, a

senior from Centerville studying recreation management, said that some people would not want to get up at 6:00 a.m. to get fit in her aerobics class.

So why do students participate?

"It's something to take away from studying all day," said Ryan Cortez, a junior from Livermore, Calif., studying history. "And I also find satisfaction in just playing (sports)."

Students and faculty can sign up for intramural activities on the south end of the Richards Building.



Photo courtesy of Unified Sports

sports participants take a break during a activity on DT field Nov. 8. The organization n syndrome kids a chance to play sports and make new friends with volunteer BYU students. Pictured kids are, from right, Katie and Amanda Soto, Micah Johns and Kristen Hatch.

BYUSA program helps out kids

By LIE ARMSTRONG
Universe Sports Writer

Students are finding satisfaction while brightening the lives of kids with Down syndrome going Down syndrome in Utah Valley.

BYUSA is a BYUSA service that is helping hundreds of kids with Down syndrome and the benefits of service. It is to offer Down syndrome kids an opportunity to play sports and make new friends with volunteer university stu-

dent was established by September 1997 and is now going because of program Daniel Reynolds and nearly 100 other participants.

He said the vice president of the service at BYUSA, Jennifer, recruited him to be the program director and the program started. Because of this, Unified Sports has over 100 volunteers serving 25 children with Down syndrome.

The program has coordinated with the Utah Valley Mountain to Santaquin, a Down syndrome group for Utah County. Up with Downs serves 188 families from the Utah Valley Mountain to Santaquin. The president of Up-with-Downs, Jennifer, said the organization is bringing families with Down syndrome children together to support and the

opportunity to learn the amazing abilities Down syndrome children truly have.

The families are on a mailing list that the organization uses to notify the families of activities, information meetings and classes. Up-with-Downs has shared this list with BYUSA's Unified Sports program, and Unified Sports has contacted all of the children from ages eight to 20 to notify them about the services offered by Unified Sports.

"It's really exciting," said Johns, who is not only the president of Up-with-Downs, but also the mother of a Down syndrome child.

She and her husband attended the program's activities with their 10-year-old son Micah during Fall 1997. Johns said she was impressed with how "friendly, kind and encouraging the college [students] were."

During Fall 1997, the program sponsored an opening social and three activities. The opening social was a party where the kids watched sports videos, Sensuous Sandwich, a local sandwich shop, donated seven-foot sandwiches to the cause. The three sports activities of the semester were soccer at the Deseret Towers field, basketball in the Richards Building, and bowling and indoor hockey in the Richards Building.

Parents of other Down syndrome children who attended the activities had positive things to report. Cris Blackhurst, mother of 14-year-old

Cindy Blackhurst, said the program has been great for her daughter. "She really enjoys it, and it keeps her active," she said.

Blackhurst also mentioned that the volunteers have really made Cindy feel special. She recalled an experience when she and Cindy were in the Smith Fieldhouse. One of the volunteers from the program recognized Cindy and said, "Oh, is that Cindy?" and then continued a conversation with her. Blackhurst said her daughter felt so important to have been remembered.

Parent Annette Soto said her 10-year-old twins, Katie and Amanda, have also enjoyed the program. Soto said both girls love athletics, have participated in the Special Olympics and are now participating in Unified Sports.

Program volunteer Ty Lombardi, a graduate student in the accounting program at BYU, said he enjoys participating in the program and spending time with the children. "We interact with them, and they feel like they have another friend," Lombardi said.

The next sports activity will be Saturday and includes track and field events. Anyone interested in volunteering for the program can contact Daniel Reynolds in the BYUSA office on the third floor of the Wilkinson Center.

More participants are also welcome and can contact Tash Johns for more information at 798-1319.

Bateman ready for NFL career

Universe Services

BYU offensive tackle Eric Bateman will announce at a press conference today his intention to enter the NFL draft. Bateman, a junior, is the second BYU player in three years to enter the draft early.

A 6-8, 315-pound tackle, Bateman was named to the All-WAC second team last season. In 1996 his season was cut short when he broke his ankle in the first quarter of the Cougars' victory over the University of Utah.

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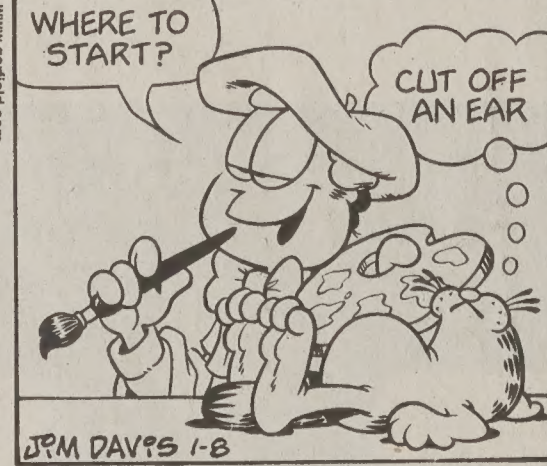
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Associated Press

INGTON — A biotechnology company agreed Wednesday to plead guilty to conspiring to grow nicotine tobacco secretly in foreign countries so Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. could manufacture and manipulate the nicotine in its cigarettes.

First charges arising from the Department's 3-year-old investigation, a criminal indictment was filed in Washington in DNA Plant Technology Corp. and.

Company agreed to cooperate in the investigation, and no date was set for its plea.

Government cited the tobacco company as an unindicted coconspirator but refused to name it. Officials familiar with the investigation said it was Brown & Williamson, the third largest U.S. cigarette company, which makes Winston, Raleigh and other brands.

Year, 18 Brazilian farmers had to the Associated Press that growing high-nicotine leaf tobacco, many for more than five

P reported the high-nicotine cigarette called fumo louco, or crazy, by the growers - was the result of a genetically altered tobacco plant created in U.S. laboratories for Brown & Williamson.

Government said the goal of the pact between B&W and the DNA firm known as DNAP was to create a reliable source of high-nicotine tobacco so B&W could manufacture and manipulate the nicotine in its cigarettes.

Food and Drug Administration said nicotine is addictive - the key reason smokers. Tobacco companies dispute nicotine's addictiveness, but FDA has begun regulating the nicotine on the ground that cigarettes are an addictive drug.

Age and ID requirements are required for some cigarette sales. FDA is advertising regulations to resolve a court challenge. The court documents filed Monday, the Justice Department said that DNAP and B&W devised a scheme to improve nicotine tobacco in Brazil and other countries because federal regulation of commercial growing of nicotine tobacco in the United States is limited.

Government charged the tobacco company contracted with DNAP to grow and gave it a strain of flue-cured tobacco, code-named Y-1, that contained 6 percent nicotine. That's about the level of most tobacco.

Contract specified one goal as to increase tobacco's chemical composition to "include products of lines with elevated nicotine content," court papers said. In 1985, an expanded contract specified the first goal as "(d) develop commercial high-nicotine tobacco."

Company was charged with a misdemeanor of conspiracy to violate the Tobacco Seed Export law, which until its repeal in 1991 prohibited export of tobacco seed without a license.

Previous times between 1984 and 1985 the Justice Department said, that the two companies illegally imported Y-1 and other tobacco from seeking good locations for growing Y-1 tobacco.

Defensive driving class
saves lives and money

By NICOLE LARSON
Senior Reporter

The Utah Highway Safety Office said 8,600 crashes were reported for 1995, 823 of which happened in December.

Wendy Bertola, marketing coordinator for The Utah Safety Council, said too many accidents and too many fatalities are happening.

In an effort to reduce these numbers, the council is offering two four-hour defensive driving courses for drivers in the Provo/Orem area. Both courses instruct drivers on accident prevention, driving confidence, awareness of hazards and improving overall driving skills. However, the two classes are directed at two different age groups with different experience levels.

"Live at 25" teaches 16 to 24 year old drivers how to make responsible driving decisions. Bertola said that "this class offers behavior to more inexperienced drivers." She said the council wants to introduce a change of attitude for young drivers. After all, Bertola said, drivers between the ages of 16 to 24 represent 22 percent of all drivers and 40 percent of all accidents.

The other class offered, "Basic Defensive Driving" for drivers 25 years and older, is a lecture on driving

tactics.

Besides becoming a better driver, other incentives are available. Drivers who enroll in either course will qualify for a 50 point reduction from their Utah driving record.

This could possibly erase speeding ticket points. A 21-year-old driver ticketed for driving 10 miles over the speed limit could be charged with at least 55 points against their driving record. Because minors are only allowed 70 points on their record before their license is suspended, this could be a valuable benefit.

The maximum for adult drivers is 200 points within a three year period before a suspension is enforced.

Drivers 55 years or older who complete the course may qualify for insurance discounts.

Bertola said most insurance companies offer some kind of discount. Glen Pack, an insurance agent for All State Insurance Company, said they offer a five percent discount for main coverage over a three year period. To receive the discount, Pack said drivers need to provide a copy of their completion certificate. He said after three years, drivers can re-take the course to renew the discount for the next three years.

Bertola said many accidents can be avoided with training.

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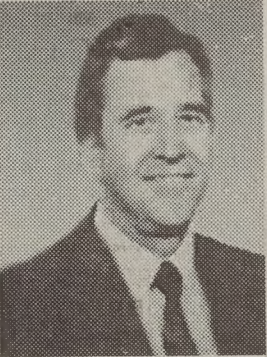


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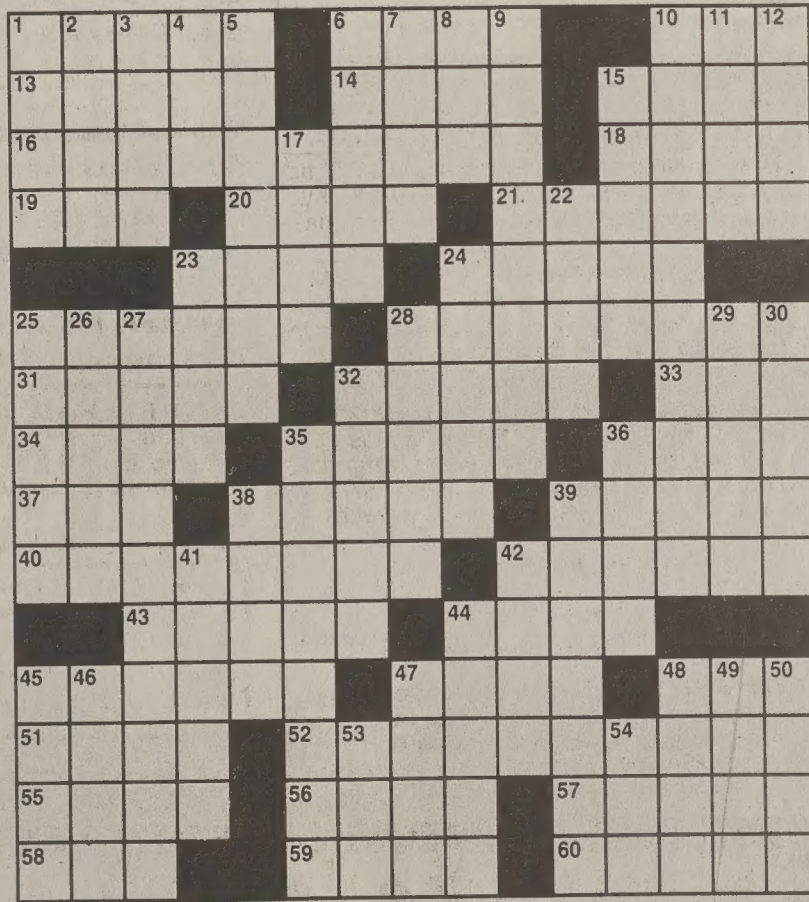
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Devices diverting drivers' attention

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cellular phones and other popular new devices — even laptop computers — are increasingly distracting drivers on America's streets and highways, the government said Wednesday.

Driver inattention already is a factor in half of all auto accidents, officials say, and things can only be expected to get worse.

"As cars more and more become an extension of the home and office, we are creating a whole new array of potentially hazardous distractions," said Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We are beginning to see crashes ... where drivers were using laptop computers while driving, and third-party suppliers are now providing hardware for mounting laptop computers adjacent to the driver or, in some cases, right on the steering wheel," his agency reported Wednesday.

Martinez, a former emergency room doctor, recalled treating a driver who crashed into a tree while changing a tape. In another case, several bicyclists were struck by a car when the driver reached into the glove compartment for a compact disc, he said.

"We're adding so many distractions we're creating part-time drivers," he said.

But the government stopped short of calling for restrictions, saying additional research is needed and noting that the wireless equipment also has benefits.

The biggest problem is lack of solid information on how many crashes involve cellular phones and other equipment, the new report said.

But a review of accident reports from several states found "trends which show that cellular telephone use is a growing factor in crashes."

"Contrary to expectations, the majority of drivers were talking on their telephones rather than dialing

at the time of the crash," the study said. "A few drivers also were startled when their cellular phones rang and, as they reached for their phones, they ran off the road."

"The overwhelming majority of cellular telephone users were in the striking vehicle," in an accident, the report added.

With cellular phone use growing rapidly, an increasing number of drivers will be exposed to this distraction, the report concluded. And previous government studies have cited driver inattention as a primary or contributing cause in up to half of all highway crashes.

Jeffery Nelson of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association called the study "very balanced."

"Common sense tells us that when people are in their vehicles they have an opportunity to do an increasing number of different things," he observed. Making sure they use the technology safely is "educational opportunity that the industry takes very seriously," he said.

There are 50 million cellular phones in use today, and their number is expected to double by the turn of the century. That's up from just 345,000 cell phones in use in 1985, according to the new government study.

Just a year ago, researchers reporting in the New England Journal of Medicine provided the first measurement of how dangerous it can be to use a phone while driving.

That Canadian study found that talking on a cellular phone while driving a car quadrupled the risk of an accident and was about as dangerous as being close to legally drunk behind the wheel. That report found that the risk dropped back to normal as soon as the call ended and the driver's attention returned to the road.

The Australian state of Victoria banned use of cellular phones while driving in 1988. Since then similar bans have been imposed in Spain, Israel, Portugal, Italy, Brazil and Chile.

Scientist plans to clone a human

Associated Press

CHICAGO — An independent scientist said Wednesday he plans to begin work on cloning a human being despite widespread opposition to using newly developed techniques on people.

Richard Seed said he is still in the planning stages, but hopes to get started in a few months.

Seed's plans were criticized by the White House as being reckless.

"The scientific community ought to make it clear to Dr. Seed — and I think the president will make it clear to Dr. Seed — that he has elected to

become irresponsible, unethical and unprofessional should he pursue the course that he outlined today," President Clinton's spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Seed said he is unsure if he can accomplish his goal, and genetics researchers questioned whether human cloning is yet technologically possible.

He said his project would cost about \$2 million but take far less to get started.

Seed, who says he has a doctorate in physics from Harvard but is not affiliated with any institution, told reporters that he wants to use cloning to help

infertile couples, and that he has four couples willing to participate.

Seed said he planned to use the same techniques that Scottish scientists used in 1996 to clone the adult sheep Dolly, the first cloned mammal.

DNA would be removed from a woman's egg and replaced with DNA from the person to be cloned. Once the fertilized egg grows to 50 to 100 cells,

the embryo would be transferred to a woman.

A national panel reconvened last year after Dolly's cloning, it poses unacceptable risks to human health and raises troubling questions.

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Residents will advise mayor

By **BROOKE BURGESS**
Senior Reporter

A new commission in Orem will advise Mayor Joseph Nelson on issues facing the city.

The city council approved the formation of the Mayor's Advisory Commission and approved the members of the commission at the council meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor Nelson said the purpose of this group is "to get people from all walks of life together to be proactive on any function of the city."

The commission is made up of 17 people. They represent different ethnic groups, professions and affiliations. Several former city officials are on the board as well as the superintendent of Alpine School District and the president of Utah Valley State College.

Jan Lewis, a former Alpine School District school board member and Orem resident, is one of the members of the newly formed commission.

Lewis said she sees the commission as an independent advisory board that can feel free to share feelings about any issue the city is facing.

"I don't think you can get too many people involved in what we want our city to look like or feel like," Lewis said.

She said she sees growth as one of the major issues the city is facing and hopes the commission will be involved in some long-term planning for the future of Orem.

Mayor Nelson said the advisory commission will meet once a month to discuss "any issues they feel are important to make Orem a better place to work, live and raise a family."

They will not make any decisions for the city, but will make recommen-

dations to the mayor. The meetings will be held at noon on the first Wednesday of every month on the UVSC campus. The public is welcome.

Mayor Nelson said during his campaigning last year he spoke with many who said residents need to be more involved in city government. This is one way he is responding. He also is pushing to hear more from citizens with town meetings, neighborhood community councils and youth city council.

The commission's first meeting will be Feb. 4.

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